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FROM USDEL NPT PREPCOM

1. USDEL (ZURHELLEN, KLEIN AND VAN DOREN) SPEND MUCH OF AFTERNOON AND EVENING FEBURARY 6 IN DETAILED REVIEW WITH UK (AMBASSADOR ALLEN AND JOHN EDMONDS OF FCO). OUR CONVERSATION COVERED ALL ISSUES PRESENTLY BEFORE PREPCOM AND WE FOUND VIRTUAL IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON ALL OF THEM. IN VIEW OF REFTEL, WE ARE REPORTING DETAILS OF CONVERSATION ON PARTICIPATION BY SIGNATORIES BECAUSE THIS SUBJECT HAS INTRICACIES APPARENTLY NOT FAMILAR TO ALL.

2. TO BEGIN WITH, SOVIETS DO NOT REPEAT NOT OPPOSE SOME MEASURE OF PARTICIPATION BY SIGNATORIES. CONFUSION ON THIS POINT PROBABLY DUE TO FACT UK CHANGED AMBASSADORS IN GENEVA BETWEEN PREPCOM II AND III AND FCO HAS NOT STUDIED RECORDS IN DETAIL. SUMMARY RECORD FOR MORNING SESSION SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, SHOWS USSR AMBASSADOR ROSCHIN SAYIZH "STATES SIGNATORIES TO THE TREATY WHICH HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED IT SHOULD HAVE CERTAIN PRIVILEGES, BECAUSE OF THE

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INTEREST THEY HAD SHOWN IN IT. HE THOUGHT THEY MIGHT

BE GIVEN OBSERVER STATUS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO RATIFY THE TREATY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE". THIS CONTINUES TO BE ROSCHIN'S ATTITUDE.

3. AS NOTED PARA 4 GENEVA 655, WHILE PRESERVING OUTWARDLY LINE THAT SIGNATORIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO RATIFY AND ATTEND CONFERENCE AS PARTIES, USDEL HAS BEEN WORKING WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS TO PRODUCE FORMULA WHICH WILL PROVIDE SOMEWHAT GREATER DISTINCTION BETWEEN PARTIES AND SIGNATORIES THAN THAT CONTAINED IN WIDELY SUPPORTED MEXICAN PROPOSAL. IN FACT, IT IS USSR AND UK DELEGATIONS WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN WORKING. DRAFT WHICH ALL THREE AGREED ON AND WHICH WAS THEN GIVEN TO MEXICANS FOR CONSIDERATION WAS AMENDMENT TO THEIR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, PROVIDES FOR THREE POINTS WHICH FRG MADE TO US: RIGHT TO SPEAK IN PLENARY, RIGHT TO SPEAK AND PARTICIPATE IN MAIN COMMITTEES, AND RIGHT TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS. AS OF NOW THERE ARE NO APPRECIABLE HANG-UPS BETWEEN THREE DEPOSITARIS ON ONE SIDE AND MEXICANS AND OTHER "NON-ALIGNED" ON OTHER REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE SIGNATORIES. ONLY FLY IN OINTMENT IS PHILIPPINES, WHICH HAS STATED ON FLOOR "ABSOLUTE" OPPOSITION BY ANY STATES OTHER THAN PARTIES. CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE TO PROBE WHETHER THIS IS FINAL OR BARGAINING POSITION OF PHILIPPINES. IN THIS FLUID SITUATION, WE HAVE CONSIDERED IT ADVISABLE TO SAY NOTHING TO FRG, JAPANESE OR OTHER SIGNATORIES LEST THEY EITHER BECOME TOO OPTIMISTIC, AND SUFFER DISAPPOINTMENT IF PHILIPPINES OR SOME OTHER DELEGATION TRIES TO BLOC CONSENSUS IN FINAL DECISION, OR DESCEND ON MANILA WITH DEMARCHES, THUS COMPLICATING OUR DEALINGS HERE AT CONFERENCE.

4. ALL OF THIS, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN DONE IN DAILY CONSULTATION WITH IK. IT MAY BE THAT THAT FULL REPORTS WERE NOT SENT TO FCO SINCE UKDEL, AS USDEL, FORCED TO SPEND MAJORITY OF TIME IN MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR DETAILED
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REPORTING.

5. AFTER ALL OF THIS GONE OVER IN TALKS WITH EDMONDS, HE INDICATED UK WAS IN SUBSTANTIAL ACCORD WITH US. PLEASE PROTECT ALLEN AND EDMONDS IN THESE CONVERSATIONS, AS THEY WERE FRANK AND WIDE-RANGING ON PERSONAL BASIS. DALE

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